

Remarks

Claims 1, 13, 18, 19, 21, 23, 33, 35 and 36 are original.

Claims 2-12, 14-17, 20, 22, 24-32, 34 and 37 are amended.

Claims 38-45 are new.

The application contains claims 1-45.

Claim 2 is amended to place the language in proper Markush form.

Claims 3-5 are amended to remove multiple ranges.

Claims 6-12, 14-17 and 20 are amended to place the language in proper Markush form.

Claims 22 and 24 are amended to replace sets of parentheses with the term wherein and to replace the term 'must be' with the term 'are'.

Claim 25 is amended to remove multiple ranges.

Claim 26 is amended to improve clarity by describing the classes of additives that are referred to in the original claim. Support is found in paragraph 3 on page 8 and in paragraph 3 on page 10 of the specification.

Claims 27 and 28 are amended to remove multiple dependencies and multiple ranges.

Claims 29, 31 and 32 are amended for clarity by eliminating the unnecessary parenthetical terms 'aqueous' from claim 29, 'slurries' from claim 31 and 'slurry' from claim 32.

Claim 30 is amended to replace 'inform of' with the appropriate 'in the form of'.

Claim 34 is amended to remove multiple dependencies and for clarity by eliminating the unnecessary parenthetical terms 'aqueous' and 'coated'.

Claim 37 is converted to a method claim. Support is found in the original claim.

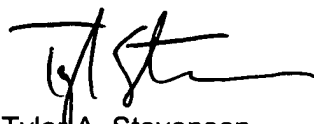
Claims 38-43 are added to reclaim matter deleted from original claims 3-5, 25, 27 and 29 respectively.

Claims 44 and 45 are added to reclaim matter deleted from original claim 34.

No new matter is added.

Consideration of the present claims on their merits is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Stevenson', written over the printed name.

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